Investment in industry by Central Government in Tamil Nadu

1709. SHRI R. T. GOPALAN: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) what is the proportionate amount of investment for Tamil Nadu for industry by the Union Government for the present and during the last three years; and

(b) what is the average investment made by Central Government in this sector with regard to other States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b) It is presumed that the Hon'ble Member has referred to the Central Government Investment in the Central Public Sector Enterprises, the registered offices of which are in the State of Tamil Nadu. As per the Public Enterprises Survey 1989-90 and 1990-91, Volume-I published by the Department of Public Enterprises, Ministry of Industry, Government of India, the Gross Block for Central Public Enterprises in Tamil Nadu was Rs. 4897.71 crores as on 31-3-89, Rs. 5902.01 crores as on 31-3-1990 and Rs. 7139.04 crores as on 31-3-1991 as against the total Gross Block for Central Public Enterprises all over the country of Rs. 96880.67 crores as on 31-3-1989. Rs. 113,430.90 crores as on 31-3-1990 and Rs. 1,29,713.09 crores as on 31-3-1991 respectively. This contributes 5.6 per cent share of the total Gross Block of Central Public Enterprises as on 31-3-1989, 5.20 per cent as on 31-3-1990 and 5.50 per cent as on 31-3-1991. The average Gross Block for Central Public Enterprises for all other States and Union Territories taken together works out to 2.97 per cent as on 31-3-1989, 2.96 per cent as on 31-3-1990 and 2.95 per cent as on 31-3-1991.

Acute shortage of electricity in Bihar

1710. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that despite the acute shortage of electricity in Bihar the allocation in the energy sector in the 1992-93 plan of the State has been slashed down by 26 per cent compared to revised estimates for 1991-92;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what action Government proposes to take to end shortage of electricity in Bihar?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b) During the period April-November, 1991 the energy shortage in the Bihar was of the order of 31.3 per cent. Out of an agreed outlay of Rs. 2202.73 crores for 1992-93 for all sectors, the State Government of Bihar has allocated an outlay of Rs. 352.05 crores for Power Sector. The Planning Commission is yet to receive revised estimates for 1991-92 from the State Government.

(c) The power requirements of the State are met from the installed generating capacity of State and its share in existing Central Power Station of Farakka Super Thermal Power Project and Chukha Hydro Electric Project. In addition, the State is often provided assistance from unallocated output for Farakka STPP and Chukha, HEP, based on the relative percentage shortages in the constituents of Eastern Region. Efforts are also made to supplement the availability of Power in Bihar by allowing them to draw a portion of the Central Power Shares surrendered by West Bengal and Orissa from Farakka STPP and Chukha HEP. Assistance has also been provided to Bihar